

ESCI 309 RIPARIAN CONSERVATION IN THE GRAND CANYON

Application

Name: W#
E-mail: Phone:
Anticipated graduation quarter: Major/Concentration:

1 Please describe interests, abilities, and personal qualities you would bring to the fall quarter course or winter break Grand Canyon river trip.

2 Please summarize your education, work, and outdoor experience relevant to field study or wildland travel. (e.g., climb of Mt. Baker, personal backpacking trips, job as a river guide, research assistant on XYZ project) In particular, please mention any experience you may have on multi-day outdoor excursions or navigating rivers.

3 Please list or describe any training, certifications, or skills that might contribute to the success and safety of the course or GC trip. (e.g., First Aid, WFR, Swiftwater Rescue, Outdoor Center trip leader, ...)

4 Describe an experience you have had working in groups in academic, outdoor, employment, or athletic contexts. (e.g., capstone course group project, mountaineering expedition, crew team member, etc.) What was your greatest challenge and most substantial learning?

5 The course will be followed by a 3-week river expedition through the Grand Canyon during winter break, offered by the Outdoor Center. Trip dates: 12 December 2024 – 5 January 2025. Trip participation is optional: you may participate in the course without participating in the Grand Canyon trip. Satisfactory completion of the course is required for the trip. Trip participants must commit fully to the group and trip, during which communication with the outside world will be limited. Like all non-commercial Grand Canyon river trips, trip expenses will be self-financed by participants, amounting to about \$2000 per person – including group gear, food, travel, and dry suit rental. Some funding may be available, e.g., through the [AS Student Enhancement Fund](#). Please indicate here whether or not you want to participate in the winter break Grand Canyon trip.

6 Please describe any physical or psychological accommodations you would need to participate successfully in research, camping, and travel activities in remote wilderness environments. Responses to this item will be used for program planning, not for participant selection.

7 Write a brief essay (one-page maximum) describing why you want to participate in the Grand Canyon course and/or trip. Your essay should address the following as clearly as possible. What do you hope to gain? What can you contribute? How would the experience help fulfill your educational, career, or life goals?

8 Please provide any additional information you think would be important for this application.

More information about ESCI 309 is at: <https://faculty.jmcl.wvu.edu/River/gc.home.htm>

For priority consideration, please submit your application by 17 May 2024. Applications submitted after this date will be considered, contingent on course capacity. Applications submitted by May 17 will receive decisions by or before May 24.

Please submit your application to John McLaughlin via email (in PDF or plain text, please) to: jmcl@wwu.edu